S.No.	Name of the post	Scale of Pay	Number of posts Admissible			
			Cabinet Minister	Minister of State (MOS) with Independent charge	Minister of State	Deputy Minister
8.	Driver	(Rs. 3050—4590)	1	1	1	l'
9.	Jamadar	(Rs. 2610—3540)	1	1	1	1
10.	Peon	(Rs. 2550—3200)	4	3	3	1
		TOTAL:	15	14	13	7

NB : (i) The posts of Assistent P. S. and First P. A. are included in Gr. A & B (merged) of the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service (CSSS). (ii) The posts of Second P. A. are included in the Gr. C of CSSS. (iii) The posts of LDC are included in L. D. Grade of the CSCS.

Waiting List for LPG Connections

228. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a)the State-wise break-up of LPG applicants waiting for connections in various agencies;

(b)the State-wise break-up of LPG connections given in the last year; and

(c)by when the present waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The State-wise break-up of LPG applicants waiting for connection and the State-wise breakp-up of LPG connections given in the last year are given in the Statement *(Sec* below).

(c) Release of new connections for clearing of waiting list depends *inter-alia* upon product availability, slack available with the existing distributors, minimum sustainable allocation to newly commissioned distributors, unviable distributors etc. With the expected higher availability of LPG through imports, more connections are planned to be released in future and it is expected to clear the entire waiting list by year 2000-1.

Statement

(Figs, in Lakhs)

States	Statewise as of 1.4.98	Lis	Statewis during 1997-98	New
Andhta Pradesh	10.99		2.72	
Arunachal Pradesh	0.11		0.13	
Assam	2.08		0.60	
Bihar	4.89		0.71	
Delhi	7.11		2.11	
Goa	0.77		0.27	
Gujarat	6.84		3.44	
Haryana	4.30		1.14	
Himachal Pradesh	0.50		1.26	

States	Statewise Waiting List as of 1.4.98	Statewise New Enrolment during 1997-98
Jammu & Kashmir	0.76	1.17
Karnataka	6.49	1.79
Kerala	7.15	1.60
Madhya Pradesh	5.87	2.22
Maharashtra	13.82	5.76
Manipur	0.00	0.15
Meghalaya	0.02	0.09
Mizoram	0.00	0.13
Nagaland	0.03	0.08
Orissa	2.09	0.36
Punjab	6.57	1.67
Rajasthan	7.57	2.43
Sikkim	0.00	0.07
Tamil Nadu	14.05	3.06
Tripura	0.32	0.13
Uttar Pradesh	13.61	5.04
West Bengal	10.19	2.99
Union Territories		
Andaman & Nicobar	0.13	0.01
Chandigarh	0.79	0.17
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0.02	0.00
Daman & Diu	0.05	0.03
Lakshadweep	0.00	0.00
Pondicherry	0.43	0.10

Combating of oil film on coastal line caused by leakage of imported crude oil

229. PROF. RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government have received a proposal from the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. to set-up an organisation for combating oil thin film on coastal line of the country caused by leakage of imported crude oil;

(b)if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c)the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) No such proposal has been received by the Government from ONGC. However, considering the growth of oil traffic in ports and the consequent increase in risk of oil spill, oil companies have initiated oil spill management programme. A core group comprising of representatives of some public sector/private sector companies was formed in March, 1997 who have adopted the following three tier concept for creating the facilities—

(i) all companies are required to provide tier one facilities to combat oil spill upto 100 tonnes at their areas of operations.

(ii)Oil Spill Response Centres (OSRCs) with tier two facilities to combat oil spill upto 1000 tonnes to be established at Haldia and Kakinada.